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SUBJECT: UNOBTAINABLE BURMESE PASSPORTS

1. SUBJECT'S CLAIM THAT GUB HAS RESTRICTIVE PASSPORT POLICY IS CORRECT. UNDER PRESENT GUB REGULATIONS AN ORDINARY CITIZEN MAY HAVE TO WAIT ONE OR TWO YEARS FOR A BURMESE PASSPORT OR CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY WHICH IS A ONE- WAY TRAVEL DOCUMENT. CITIZENS WHO HAVE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY MUST PAY BETWEEN FOUR THOUSAND TO TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLAR EDUCATION TAX BEFORE THEY CAN GET PASSPORT. IN ADDITION, BENEFICIARIES OF GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS MUST PERFORM A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS STATE SERVICE AND THEN STILL MAY NOT BE GRANTED A PASSPORT.

2. UNDER PROCEDURES IN EFFECT IN 1968, THERE WAS NO EDUCATION TAX, BUT AN ORDINARY CITIZEN OFTEN HAD TO WAIT THREE OR FOUR YEARS FOR A PASSPORT. STATE SCHOLARS WERE PRACTICALLY NEVER GRANTED A PASSPORT TO EMIGRATE.

3. BURMESE CONSULATES ABROAD WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT TO EXPATRIATE BURMESE CITIZENS.

4. AMEMBASSY RANGOON RECOMMENDS THAT PASSPORT WAIVERS BE GRANTED TO ANY OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE BURMESE CITIZEN APPLYING FOR IV OUTSIDE OF BURMA.

5. NO FILE ON SUBJECT IN EMBASSY.

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